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Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

Draft report

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I. Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/238 of 27 December 2013, the Preparatory Committee for the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States held its first meeting from 24 to 26 February 2014 and its final meeting from 23 to 27 June 2014.[1] The Preparatory Committee also held one special meeting, on 21 March 2014.

2. During the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee, four plenary meetings, as well as a number of meetings of its two contact groups and its working group, were held, and various associated activities were carried out.

3. The first meeting of the Preparatory Committee was opened on 24 February by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the Conference, Wu Hongbo.

4. During the final meeting of the Preparatory Committee, ___ plenary meetings, as well as a number of meetings of the working group on the draft outcome document of the Conference, were held, and various associated activities were carried out.

5. The final meeting of the Preparatory Committee was opened on 23 June by the Co-Chairs of the Committee, Karen Tan (Singapore) and Phillip Taula (New Zealand).

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[1] The Preparatory Committee also held an intersessional meeting from 21 to 25 April 2014, during which it held two meetings as well as a number of informal meetings and various related activities.

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B. Election of officers

6. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 24 February, the Preparatory Committee elected the following members of its Bureau by acclamation:

Milan Jaya Meetarbhan (Mauritius)
Ronald Jean Jumeau (Seychelles)
Katsuhiko Takahashi (Japan)
Karen Tan (Singapore)
Elena Anca Jurcan (Romania)
Dmytro Kushneruk (Ukraine)
Kereeta Whyte (Barbados)
Yanerit Morgan (Mexico)
Phillip Taula (New Zealand)
Juan Manuel González de Linares Palou (Spain)

7. Also at its 1st plenary meeting, the Preparatory Committee elected, by acclamation, Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia, Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations, as an ex officio member of the Bureau of the Committee.

8. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee was informed that Karen Tan (Singapore) and Phillip Taula (New Zealand) would serve as the Co-Chairs and that Juan Manuel González de Linares Palou (Spain) would serve as the Rapporteur of the Committee.

9. Also at the 1st plenary meeting, opening statements were made by the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee.

10. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Wu, and the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, Gyan Chandra Acharya.

C. Agenda and organization of work

11. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 24 February, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its first and final meetings, as contained in document A/CONF.223/PC/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference.
4. Consideration of the outcome of the Conference based on the objectives and the theme of the Conference.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

12. Also at the 1st plenary meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved its proposed organization of work for the first meeting, as contained in an informal paper, on the understanding that further adjustments would be made as necessary.

13. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided to establish the following contact groups: contact group I, to consider the issue of the accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Conference and its preparatory process; and contact group II, to consider the draft provisional rules of procedure for the Conference.

14. Also at the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee further agreed that contact group I would be co-facilitated by Vice-Chairs Yanerit Morgan (Mexico) and Elena Anca Jurcan (Romania), and that contact group II would be co-facilitated by Vice-Chairs Milan Jaya Meetarbhan (Mauritius) and Kereeta Whyte (Barbados).

15. At the 1st plenary meeting of its final meeting, on 23 June, the Preparatory Committee approved its proposed organization of work for the final meeting, as contained in an informal paper, on the understanding that further adjustments would be made, as necessary.

D. Action taken by the Preparatory Committee

16. At its special meeting, held on 21 March, the Preparatory Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Arrangements for accreditation and participation of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the preparatory process and in the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States" (A/CONF.223/PC/L.1).

17. At the same meeting, Ms. Morgan, Vice-Chair of the Preparatory Committee and Co-Facilitator of contact group I, made a statement and introduced the draft decision.

18. Also at the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee was informed that the draft decision had no programme budget implications.

19. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision.

20. At the 1st plenary meeting of its final meeting, on 23 June, the Preparatory Committee approved the requests for accreditation for the Pacific Community and the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency to participate in the work of the Conference and its preparatory process as observers.

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E. Attendance

21. The first meeting of the Preparatory Committee was attended by representatives of 71 States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations and other entities, associate members of regional commissions, representatives of United Nations organs and representatives of non-governmental organizations also attended. A preliminary list of delegations is contained in document A/CONF.223/PC/INF/1.

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F. Documentation

22. The documentation before the Preparatory Committee is listed below.

Annotated provisional agenda	A/CONF.223/PC/1
Letter dated 24 December 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General	A/CONF.223/PC/2
Draft provisional rules of procedure of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States: note by the Secretary-General	A/CONF.223/PC/3
Revised draft provisional rules of procedure of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States: note by the Secretary-General	A/CONF.223/PC/3/Rev.1
Letter dated 16 May 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States	A/CONF.223/PC/4
Arrangements for accreditation and participation of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States: note by the Secretary-General	A/CONF.223/PC/5
Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States and its preparatory process: note by the Secretariat	A/CONF.223/PC/6
Arrangements for accreditation and participation of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the preparatory process and in the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States: draft decision	A/CONF.223/PC/L.1
Arrangements for accreditation and participation of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States: draft decision	A/CONF.223/PC/L.2
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Provisional list of delegations for the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee	A/CONF.223/PC/INF/1

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